

I have the honour to inclose a copy of my military report to His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

*Copy of a Report from Major-General Smith to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Colville, K. C. B. Commander in Chief, dated Camp, at Beni Boo Alli, March 3, 1821.*

SIR,

I HAVE great pleasure in reporting to your Excellency, that the division which the Government did me the honour to place under my orders for service against the tribe of Beni Boo Alli, having arrived before his capital yesterday morning, succeeded in repulsing a very spirited attack of the enemy, and in gaining complete possession of his whole fortified possession before sun-set in the evening.

The principal action fell on the right brigade, under Lieutenant-Colonel Warren, of His Majesty's 65th regiment, with about four hundred rank and file of that regiment, and about three hundred of the 1st battalion 7th native infantry, which has, I am sorry to say, sustained a very heavy loss.

The enemy left upwards of two hundred men killed in the field, and reckoning those they carried off, and those who fell in the subsequent attack of the capital, I cannot calculate his total loss at less than five hundred killed and wounded.

There are also two hundred and thirty-six prisoners who bore arms, of whom ninety-six are wounded, and the families amount to upwards of one thousand individuals, so I trust I can assure your Excellency the tribe is effectually put down.

The two principal Chiefs of the tribe are also prisoners, both badly wounded, one in the attack on our camp at Zoor, on the 10th ultimo, and the other in the action of yesterday.

The enemy evinced the most determined gallantry, but he received such a destructive fire it was impossible he could maintain his attack long. I calculate the number he brought into action at about one thousand men.

All the guns which he gained possession of from Captain Thomson's detachment, are recovered and in good order.

I beg to inclose your Excellency a list of the killed and wounded, and a plan of the fort and garrison of Boo Alli, shewing the whole operations of the day, which were most laborious.

I also inclose a copy of the orders issued to the division, whose conduct I cannot sufficiently praise to your Excellency. I have been under great obligations to the heads of departments and other Officers who have earned the word of my acknowledgments, and I beg to draw your Excellency's favourable notice to their high deserts.

The service though short has been very arduous; the natural difficulties of the country, which afforded no supplies whatever, and my little means of carriage imposed the necessity of reduced rations, and very limited camp equipage to all ranks, under the severest exposure of heat and thirst; the troops endured all these difficulties with the most becoming patience and confidence, and I can assure your Excellency they have well supported the reputation of the Bombay army.

This dispatch will be delivered to your Excellency

by my Aid-de-Camp, Lieutenant Place, of His Majesty's 65th regiment, an old Subaltern, who has long been on my Staff, and who deserves my warmest recommendation to your Excellency's notice.

I have, &c.

L. SMITH, M. G.

*Return of Killed and Wounded in the Division under the Command of Major-General Smith, C. B. at the Capture of Beni Boo Alli, on the 2d March 1821.*

Horse Artillery—1 rank and file killed; 2 rank and file wounded.

His Majesty's 65th Regt.—4 rank and file killed; 2 lieutenants, 1 ensign, 2 drummers, 33 rank and file wounded.

Bombay European Regt.—1 rank and file killed; 1 rank and file wounded.

1st Batt. 7th Regt.—1 assistant-surgeon, 1 subadar, 1 serjeant, 19 rank and file, killed; 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 2 subadars, 4 serjeants, 118 rank and file, wounded.

Pioneers—2 rank and file wounded.

Commissariat Followers—1 killed, 4 wounded.

*Names of Officers killed and wounded.*

*Killed.*

Assistant-Surgeon Gowan, 1st Batt. 7th Regt.

*Wounded.*

Lieutenant Madden, His Majesty's 65th Regt., severely.

Lieutenant Cuppage, ditto, slightly.

Ensign Mulken, ditto, ditto.

Captain Stewart, 1st Batt. 7th Regt., severely.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Thurnam, ditto, slightly.

E. G. STANNUS, Assist. Adj. Gen.

*Division Orders by Major-General Smith, C. B., Camp, Beni Boo Alli, 3d of March 1821.*

MAJOR-GENERAL SMITH avails himself of the first leisure moment he has had, to convey to all the divisions his acknowledgment of their important services against Beni Boo Alli.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leighton, second in command, is requested to accept the Major-General's thanks for the cordial assistance he has afforded him on all occasions, particularly in the personal command of the left brigade.

The Major-General also desires to express his thanks and applause to Lieutenant Colonel Warren, of His Majesty's 65th regiment, for the gallant exertions of his brigade in repulsing the very spirited attack of the enemy, with his whole force yesterday, which was followed by the immediate occupation of his strong defences on his right, and hastened his total submission in the evening.

Captain Stewart, commanding 1st battalion 7th regiment, and Lieutenant and Adjutant Thurnam, of the same battalion, particularly distinguished themselves on this occasion.

Throughout this short but very arduous service, from the nature of the country and climate, the troops have endured more than common privation and difficulties with the most praiseworthy perseverance and cheerful confidence; and the Major-General will be able to give testimony to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, that they have